

# *Flowers by Pat*

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## ***Traditional Guideline to Wedding Expenses***

Today, more than ever, engaged couples are determining their own rules and guidelines, often sharing expenses or incurring most of the costs themselves. Together, you and your fiancé need to discuss the kind of wedding you want and establish a budget for expenses. After establishing the budget, you can discuss with your families the level of their involvement. The list of expenses in this planner is divided in three sections; the bride and her family, the groom and his family, and varying expenses.

## ***Overall Wedding Expenses***

### ***The Bride and Her Family***

- Wedding invitations, announcements, and mailing costs.
- Wedding dress, veil, accessories, and trousseau.
- Engagement and wedding photographs and video services.
- *Fees for the wedding:* location, sexton, organist, and soloist.
- *Reception:* location, wedding cake, food, drinks, music, and decorations.
- Groom's ring.
- Wedding gift for the groom.
- Gifts for the bride's attendants.
- Bride's blood test.
- Lodging for out-of-town bridesmaids.

## ***The Groom and His Family***

- Bride's engagement and wedding rings.
- Marriage license.
- Officiants fee (clergy or judge).
- Wedding gift for the bride.
- Complete honeymoon trip.
- Gifts for the best man and ushers.
- Lodging for out-of-town ushers.
- Groom's blood test.

## ***Varying Expenses (according to local customs)***

- *Attendant's Dresses.* These are usually purchased by each attendant, but the bride and her family may purchase them if they choose.
- *Bridesmaid's Luncheon and Party.* This event is usually given by the bride, but may also be given by the attendants or a family relative.
- *Bachelor's Party.* Usually hosted by the best man and/or groomsman but may also be hosted by friends or relatives.
- *Transportation of the Bridal Party.* Special means of transportation may be arranged by either the bride's or the groom's family.

## ***Wedding Flower Expenses***

### ***The Bride and Her Family***

- Flowers for the female attendants.
- All corsages with the exceptions of the mothers and grandmothers.
- Flowers for the ceremony, aisle runners and rental equipment.
- Reception flowers.

### ***The Groom and His Family***

- Going away corsage for the bride.
- Boutonnieres for the men in the wedding party.
- Flowers for relatives unable to attend the wedding.

### ***Varying Expenses (according to local customs)***

- The bride's bouquet. Usually a gift from the groom but may be included in the bride's family expenses as part of her ensemble.
- Corsages of the mothers and grandmothers. These are traditionally given by the groom's family, however, they may be given by the bride's family.
- Flowers for the rehearsal dinner. These are usually purchased by the hosts of the Party. (Usually, the groom's family hosts the dinner).